



DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

DPC MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Delta Protection Commission has initiated an update process of its Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Plan). The Plan, originally adopted on February 23, 1995, sets out Findings, Policies and Recommendations in the areas of Environment, Utilities and Infrastructure, Land use, Agriculture, Water, Recreation and Access, Levees, and Boating. The Plan is adopted in Delta local government general plans. Based on a variety of significant events and changing needs, the need for the update is essential. Plan Goals currently include: "Protect, maintain, enhance and restore Delta qualities including agriculture, wildlife habitat and recreational activities; Assure orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources; Improve flood protection by structural and nonstructural means to ensure an increased level of public health and safety." For more information contact: Linda Fiack, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, at www.delta.ca.gov.

DPC EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

(Analysis of Delta emergency plans and development of Regional Strategic Framework)

The Delta Protection Commission has initiated a process for a Delta emergency planning collaborative to coordinate emergency planning efforts throughout the Delta region. The collaborative will result in a comprehensive Delta Emergency Planning and Response Strategy, the preparation of which relies on and is committed to partnerships with governmental and community-based organizations, citizens and leaders. The regional Emergency Strategy will address societal aspects of an emergency (ie such issues as evacuation and mass care and shelter) as well as the technical (ie flood fighting) aspects of emergency response. By bringing a variety of interests and expertise together, the collaborative group will ensure that local plans are supported, regional challenges are minimized, and public safety and protection are enhanced during times of emergency in the Delta. For more information contact: Linda Fiack, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, at www.delta.ca.gov.

DPC/YOLO BASIN FOUNDATION LOWER YOLO BYPASS PLANNING FORUM

The Lower Yolo Bypass (Bypass) is the southernmost portion of Yolo Bypass including Prospect Island and Liberty Island, Little Holland Tract, Ryer Island, Egbert Tract and other adjacent properties. The Bypass is a diverse mosaic of publicly and privately owned agricultural lands and managed wetland habitats. The Bypass is also an important resource for bird-watching, hunting, fishing and environmental education. The Delta Protection Commission and the Yolo Basin Foundation (Foundation), with funding from the Ca Department of Fish and Game, have formed the Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum. The Forum is a result of the Foundation's work with the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) in 2005 to assess the feasibility of a stakeholder process to address Lower Bypass issues. In the assessment, CCP recommended that despite differences, stakeholders were closer to agreement on issues than initially believed. This condition, when combined with the overwhelming need to craft solutions, provides a unique opportunity to design a meaningful, long term management approach for the Lower Yolo Bypass. For more information contact: Linda Fiack, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, at www.delta.ca.gov.